

## REACH Policy

The European REACH Directive (EC 1907/2006) came into effect in June 2007 with the intention to regulate the registration, evaluation, authorisation, and restriction of chemical substances. Following Brexit on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, this regulation has transitioned to 'UK REACH' under the control of the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

Aerospheres is a distributor of paints, solvents, sealants, adhesives, and other specialised products used in the aviation industry. We recognise our obligations under REACH as both a distributor and importer and our consequent important role to provide full and accurate communication/information both up and down the supply chain.

In an effort to address these requirements, Aerospheres works closely with our upstream supply chain to ensure that any products that are passed through to a downstream end user meet the requirements of the REACH legislation. We therefore request all our suppliers to confirm all necessary registrations are in place and also to advise of any products that contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). Suppliers are also obligated to provide a REACH compliant Safety Data Sheets (SDS) with their relevant products. If this is not available, we will engage with them to try to ensure compliance. If not possible, some products may need to be withdrawn from sale.

It is our intention that this information is fully communicated to our customers. To this end, we confirm the following processes are in place:

- Aerospheres standard policy is to provide SDS with all shipments of hazardous substances. We will always endeavour to supply the latest version that has been updated in accordance with the REACH regulation. We will also endeavour to advise any other relevant information if required or requested.
- It is a requirement that all suppliers to Aerospheres advise us of any products that contain SVHC in concentrations above 0.1%. In these cases, we will ensure that any Authorisation Numbers that may be in effect will be communicated through the supply chain and also inform our customers of their responsibility to ensure they meet their obligations for authorised use under REACH.
- Aerospheres will request an End User Declaration from all UK/EU customers before we supply any products classified as containing SVHC.
- Aerospheres recognises the requirement that that all imported substances >1 tonne need to be registered and reported to the UK HSE. As a distributor, we take this responsibility for all substances directly imported, but are reliant on our UK or foreign suppliers with Only Representatives to take the appropriate compliance action themselves.
- Aerospheres will continue to communicate with its suppliers and customers to ensure any changes or additions to the candidate list or any other regulation are updated.

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